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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 1, 2000.

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 24 remain in this application.

The allowability of dependent claims 4 to 8, 10 to 12, 14, 16, 17 and 19 to 23 is acknowledged.

Reconsideration of the rejection of the remaining claims is requested.

Claim 1 has been rejected as being anticipated by Betts. Issue is taken in this respect.

Betts is directed to a foldable trolley which is constructed of a base 12 and a platform 52 which is mounted on the base 12. Further, the base 12 is comprised of a pair of sides 13, each having an upright portion 14 and a base support portion 15 (column 2, line 67 to column 3, line 1). In addition, the two upright portions 14 are connected by cross members 25 (see Fig. 3). Further, each upright portion 14 has an upper part comprising a cross bar 51 intended to support and have locked thereto the trolley platform 52. In addition, the upper part includes two depending legs 53 which are telescopically slidable in hollow tubular side frame members 54 in the lower parts of the upright portion 14 (column 4, lines 1 to 6).

Claim 1 is directed to a knock-down portable bar cart comprising, inter alia, "a body frame". The Examiner alleges that Betts has a body frame 54 of box-shape skeletal structure. Issue is taken in this respect. Specifically, reference character 54 in Betts defines a hollow tubular side frame member within a lower part of an upright portion 14 of the trolley base 12.